

# WEST BANK & VICINITY, N.O., LA HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT



- **Project Status:**

- Continue 1<sup>st</sup> lift construction contracts

- **Project Cost:** \$331 M

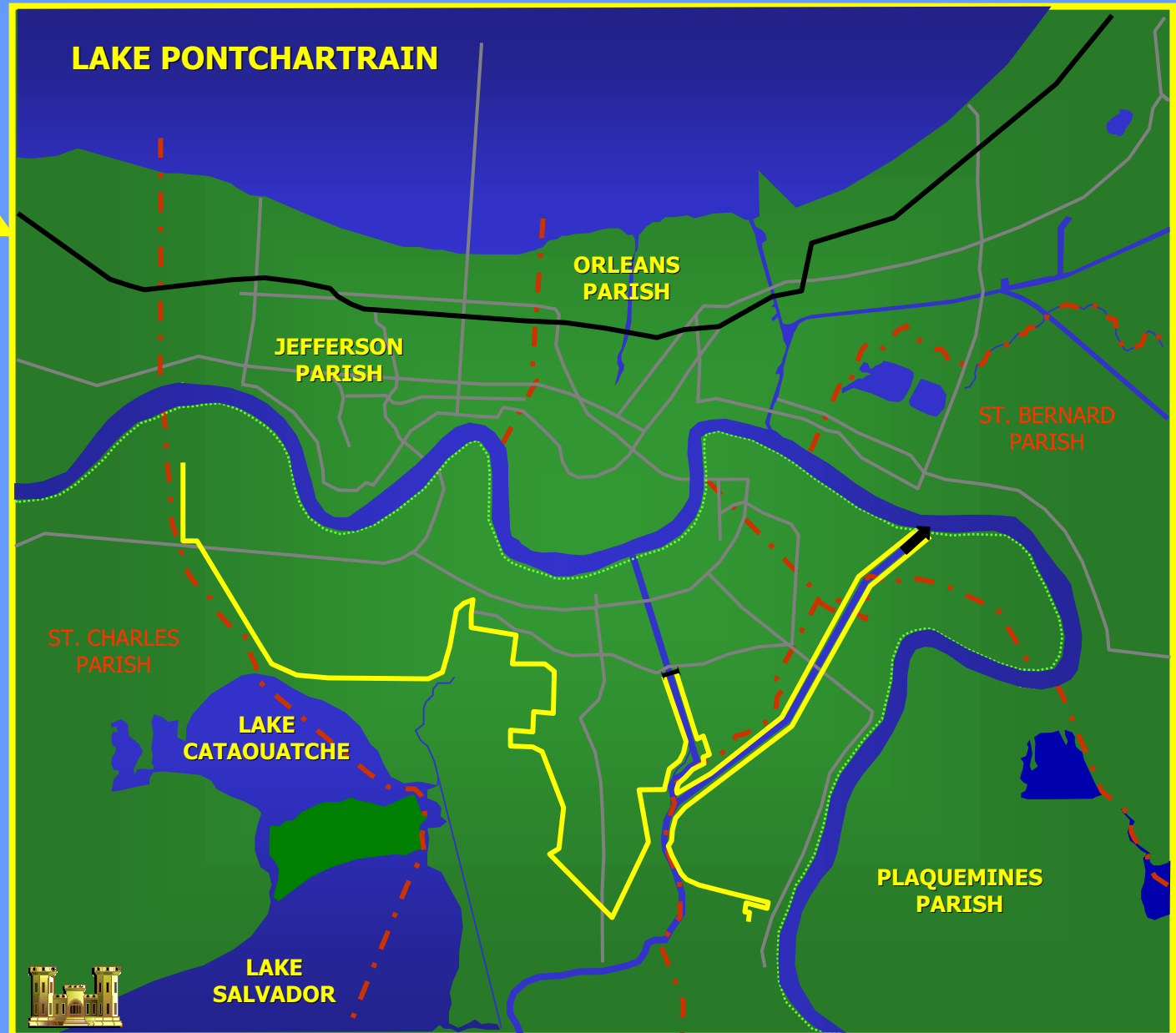
- **Scheduled Comp:** 2016

- **Project FY06 Funds Required:** \$53M

- **President's Budget:** \$28M

- **Project Issues:**

- Funding constraints will only allow ongoing 1<sup>st</sup> lift construction contracts with no new awards





## Project Fact Sheet

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### West Bank and Vicinity, New Orleans, Louisiana Hurricane Protection Project

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** The Westwego to Harvey Canal Hurricane Protection Project was authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 (PL 990-662). The WRDA of 1996 modified the project and added the Lake Cataouatche area to the project. WRDA 1996 also authorized the East of Harvey Canal Hurricane Protection Project. WRDA 1999 combined the three projects into a single project under the current name.

**PROJECT SPONSORS:** The West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) was the sponsor for the originally authorized project (Westwego to Harvey Canal) and a Local Cooperation Agreement (LCA) was executed in December 1990. Subsequently, in June 1993, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) was designated as the non-Federal sponsor for the project, including the additional areas of Lake Cataouatche and East of Harvey Canal. In November 1995, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement was executed between WJLD and LADOTD that designates WJLD as the Executive Agent of LADOTD for the purposes of the project. Amendment Number 1 of the LCA was executed in April 1999, with LADOTD as the sponsor for construction of the current project and WJLD as the sponsor for OMRR&R of the current project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of New Orleans and in Jefferson, Orleans and Plaquemines parishes.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The project will provide Standard Project Hurricane Protection to residents from storm surges from Lakes Cataouatche and Salvador, and waterways leading to the Gulf of Mexico.

**PROJECT FEATURES:** The original project included 22 miles of earthen levee and 2 miles of floodwalls extending from the Harvey Canal down to the V-levee near the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and back up to the town of Westwego. The Lake Cataouatche area eliminated the west-side closure in Westwego, and added about 10 miles of levee and 2 miles of floodwalls to the project. The East of Harvey Canal area includes a sector floodgate in the Harvey Canal just below Lapalco Boulevard and about 25 miles of levee and 5 miles of floodwalls, including enlargement of the Federal levees along the Algiers Canal.

**PROJECT COSTS:** The project is cost shared (65/35) with the local sponsor.

		<u>Westwego to Harvey Canal</u>	<u>Lake Cataouatche</u>	<u>East of Harvey Canal</u>
Total Project Cost	\$331,000,000	\$ 98,459,000	\$ 30,944,000	\$201,597,000
Total Federal Cost	\$215,000,000			
Total non-Federal Cost	\$116,000,000			

**PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE:** In FY 05, the President's budget was \$37m our capability was \$59.8 million and Congress appropriated \$30 million. However, after savings and slippage, the project allocation (work allowance) is \$26.6 million. For FY 06, the President's budget is \$28 million and our capability is \$53 million. Funding constraints will slow down first lift contracts that are required for beneficial completion of the project. Capability funding will allow the contracts to proceed on schedule, without slowing down progress, and fund the anticipated FY05 unfunded liabilities, and award an additional 5 new contracts. These contracts provide the first line of protection across the Harvey Canal and connect the Westwego to Harvey Canal area to the East of Harvey Canal area.

**ISSUES:** Funding required for FY06 is \$53 million. Budget funds of only \$28 million will slow down first lift contracts that are required for beneficial completion.